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**The City of Lemon Grove Stands United Against Hate**

**Lemon Grove, CA** - The City of Lemon Grove graciously welcomed representatives from United Against Hate (UAH) to its November 15, 2022 City Council meeting. After a brief introduction and council address, Mayor Racquel Vasquez presented a proclamation dedicating the City's commitment to ongoing support of United Against Hate week. United Against Hate Week is Nov. 14-19th, 2022, which emerged from a poster campaign by Bay Area Cities and has spread to over 200+ cities. It is a call for local civic action to stop the hate and implicit biases that are a threat to the safety and civility of our neighborhoods, towns, and cities.

United Against Hate is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization of common people seeking equal protection for all, united against hate, bigotry, and racism. Working with the U.S. Attorneys office, UAH has implemented an influential campaign inspiring partners to organize a calendar of events in a coordinated effort where cities and residents can work together against hate in an effort to embrace diversification and build equitable communities for all.

Proclamation - attached

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# ***Proclamation***

## ***Lemon Grove Stands United Against Hate***

November 14 - 20, 2022

***WHEREAS**, the United States is a nation of immigrants whose strength comes from its diversity; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Constitution enshrines equality on all individuals, regardless of race, gender, orientation, religion, or political views; and*

***WHEREAS**, there is an ongoing escalation of hate speech that encourages the propagation of racist, xenophobic, anti-Semitic, anti-Asian, anti-Black, sexist, homophobic, Islamophobic, and other bigoted views by emboldened hate groups and individuals; and*

***WHEREAS**, deep divisions within our country are the result of extreme ideology, further strengthening a cycle of mistrust and suspicion fueled by fear, anxiety, and insecurity. The number of hate crimes across the United States has increased dramatically over the past six years; and*

***WHEREAS**, education, compassion, and cooperation are key to unlocking understanding and embracing differences between people; and*

***WHEREAS**, we seek to join dozens of other communities in California's first statewide United Against Hate Week as an important step in bridging divisions and strengthening our communities.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I RACQUEL VASQUEZ**, Mayor of the City of Lemon Grove, on behalf of the entire City Council and residents of Lemon Grove, do hereby declare our enthusiastic support of San Diego's United Against Hate Week activities in our county, November 14 – 20, 2022 and each and every day beyond.*

***PRESENTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council held this 15th day of November 2022.*



*Racquel Vasquez, Mayor*